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For (Title):

IMAGE-CAPTURING DEVICE

By (Inventors):

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Formal drawings (Figs. 1-17; 17 sheets) are attached. for front page of Publication. Use Figure

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Priority of foreign application No. 2001-006339 filed January 15, 2001 in JAPAN is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).

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